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These Coats for Children Are Certainly Handsome Looking.



One of them is shown in the picture this morning—a Zibeline made with a box back; large collar with stole front—notice the generally stylish appearance of the Coat. It's a garment well worth all, and more than we ask for it; \$6.00.

Black Velvet is a rich looking material for a Coat even when plain—when accompanied by lace trimming such as we have on our Children's Coats, it makes an especially handsome garment. These Black Velvet Coats have large collars trimmed with Irish point lace. The entire Coat lined with fine mercerized Italian cloth \$5.75.

Fine Broadcloth Coats in Red, Tan and Blue, lined with mercerized Italian Cloth. Large collars trimmed with braid and velvet \$6.00. Good Broadcloth Coats, nicely lined, large collar, trimmed with braid, \$2.95.

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Social and Personal

A brilliant wedding celebration will take place in old St. John's Church, Hampton, Va., this evening, when Miss Louise Booker becomes the bride of Lieutenant Richard C. Marshall, of the Artillery Corps of the United States army, now stationed at Fort Monroe.

The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock. Miss Booker will be attended by her sister, Miss Florence Mallory Booker, and by eight bridesmaids. Miss Anne Yardley Booker, Miss Mary Willis Booker, Miss Rebecca Coke Nash, of Portsmouth; Miss Minnie Pegram Bocklin, of Southampton; Miss Lucy Lyons Stone, of Warrington; Miss Maryanna Tabb and Miss Sadie Fleming, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Little Misses Dorothy and Anne Booker, cousins of the bride, will officiate as flower girls. The best man will be Captain Richard Coke Marshall, the father of the groom, and the groomsmen will include Captain M. C. Buckley, of Portsmouth; New York; Lieutenants D. Y. Beckham, M. R. Ross, J. Steger, W. W. Ballard, Jr., M. E. Locke, J. A. Byrd and R. C. Mason, of Fort Monroe.

Messrs. Marshall von Schilling and Thornton Jones, of Hampton; Joseph A. Wilson, of Newport News; St. Julian Wilson, of this city; St. Julian Raymond Marshall, of Portsmouth; and Myron L. Marshall, of Lexington, Va., will act as ushers.

Miss Booker, who has many friends in Richmond, is the daughter of Mr. George Booker and is a lovely young lady, who is very popular. Lieutenant Marshall is the son of Captain R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, and, like Miss Booker, belongs to a prominent Virginia family.

Rhett-Fairfax.

Wednesday being the favorite day of the week for brides, the date of the wedding of Miss Marion Fairfax to Mr. Edward Lowndes Rhett, of New York, has been fixed for to-day.

The Rev. Dr. Kirby, of Potsdam, N. Y., will officiate. The ceremony will be performed at the Fairfax family seat, "Northampton," near Sargo, Prince George county, Md. The bride, who is a sister of Lord Fairfax, formerly of "Northampton," but more recently of London, will be given away by her brother, C. Edmund Fairfax.

The prominence of the contracting parties and the fact that the bride is related to many Virginia families of distinction renders the celebration more than usually interesting.

Miss Dora Lewis and Mr. Charles R. Cary, of this city, were married yesterday afternoon in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pearce Lewis, of Ridley Park, Pa.

The wedding was celebrated quietly. Among the guests from a distance present were Misses Nellie and Minnie Cary, of this city; the sisters of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Cary will welcome their friends, after November 1st, at No. 60 1/2 West Main Street.

Miss Anne Winston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Pleasant Winston, will be married at 6 P. M. to-day, in St. Paul's Church, Hanover county, to Mr. Percival Thomas Rowland, of Canada.

The bride and groom will leave immediately after the ceremony for their future home in Canada.

Miss Winston is much admired in Richmond, where she has many friends and relatives.

An interesting marriage of to-day will be that of Miss Mary Ellen, of the family of Mrs. Georgiana Skeen, and Mr. Edgar Wirt Venable, of Hampden-Sydney.

The bridal party were handsomely entertained in the home of the bride at Washington last evening. The ceremony will take place at 9 o'clock to-night and will be followed by an extended northern tour.

The bride and groom will be at home at Hampden-Sydney after the middle of November. Both have many friends here and a number of invitations were received by Richmond people, many of whom will be present at the wedding.

The Milton C. W. Whitcomb had a very animated game last afternoon in the audience hall of the Woman's Club. A large number of tables engaged. Compass whist was played, winners north and south being Miss Jane Rutherford and Mrs. C. E. Doyle. There was no east and west between Miss Guilfoyle and Miss Knox, Mrs. Fairfax Montague and Mrs. Arthur Cannon.

On account of recent death in the bride's family, Mrs. Geo. Franklin Merrill recalls the invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Anne Munford Merrill, to Mr. Daniel Webster Lindsey, sent out for 6 P. M. to-day.

The ceremony will be witnessed only by the families of the bride and groom.

Personal Mention

Friends of Mrs. Addie Deane Lyons, who fell at the Chesterfield Apartment House Monday evening and broke two bones in her leg, will be glad to hear

FIRE LOSSES ARE NOT SO HEAVY

Material Decrease for First Six Months of Present Year.

There has been a considerable falling off in serious fires in Richmond during the present year as compared with 1901 and 1902, according to statistics in the office of Chief Puller, of the Richmond Fire Department. In 1901 the total loss on stock and buildings during the year was \$3,712,641, while for 1902 it was \$2,942,481. For the first six months of the present year, ending on June 30th, the total loss on stock and buildings is \$1,022,575. This amount is considerably less than one-half of the loss during the year 1902, and far below half of that for 1901.

The first six months of the year is the period in which the most serious fires usually occur, so it is not anticipated that the figures for the first six months will be even doubled by December 31st. Below will be found a tabulated statement of fire losses on stock and buildings for each month up to July 1, 1903:

	Stock.	Buildings.
January.....	\$39,889.56	\$5,937.87
February.....	24,849.27	6,691.09
March.....	3,839.60	5,531.29
April.....	509.69	50.50
May.....	9,175.09	2,517.79
June.....	138.00	336.05
Totals.....	\$78,048.23	\$24,235.33
Grand total.....	\$102,283.56	\$24,048.33

SELLING GOVERNORS AGAINST THE LAW

Gas Inspector Joseph M. Shelton has discovered that gas governors are being sold in Richmond, in violation of an ordinance on the subject, and he is taking steps to prevent their further sale. The device is a small brass attachment, which fits over the meter, and which is alleged to save gas to the consumer. But it is contended that they are dangerous, and because of their alleged perjury of fire risk, an ordinance was recently adopted preventing their sale. Agents for these governors, representing some Northern house, have been working in Richmond for some time. They have been selling in another city in the State. They sell the devices for \$5 each, and Mr. Shelton says the people are being imposed upon, and that a plain ordinance is being violated.

MRS. MARY FIRTH TAKES FURTHER STEP

Mrs. Mary Firth, who is suing her husband, R. E. Firth, for absolute divorce on the ground of desertion and cruelty, yesterday filed notice of suit in the Law and Equity Court against Jennie Phelps for \$5,000 alleged damages for alienating the affections of her husband. The defendant is alleged to have gone off with Firth, and Mrs. Firth seeks damages in the courts and has had taken property of the defendant attached here, pending the trial of the cause. The declaration in the case has not yet been filed.

"COMMEMORATION" GOOD NAME FOR IT

It is not unlikely that the great national event of 1907 will be changed in name from the Jamestown Exposition to the Jamestown Commemoration. It is understood that General Fitzhugh Lee, president of the proposed celebration

ANIMAL STORIES FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

BUNT, Uncle Billy's pet bear, had broken his chain and got loose; Uncle Billy was gone to town, and Uncle Billy was the only person in the house who could make him behave. "Bunt! loose! Bunt! loose!" screamed all the children, running in to their mother. Aunt Jennie took them with her into the bedroom, shut all the windows and pulled the bed against the door.



PULLED AT THE LID.

Bunt came shuffling and snuffling into the house, he smelled some thing up in the attic in a big wooden chest. Heurs honey. He shuffled up-stairs, and grunted and snuffled when he got close enough to smell the honey plan. He climbed up on the back of the chest and pulled at the lid. Up it came, and in went the honey, hairy paw. He got it full of honey. Then he leaned forward, and his weight smashed the lid down on it, pinching it cruelly. He drew back howling, pulled his paw out and licked it. Then he tried again. For nearly an hour old Bunt worked at that chest, but as he always got up on the lid before he tried to open it, so he always pinched his toes and never got any honey.

When Uncle Billy came home they told him how Bunt had been. Heurs honey. He shuffled up-stairs, and grunted and snuffled when he got close enough to smell the honey plan. He climbed up on the back of the chest and pulled at the lid. Up it came, and in went the honey, hairy paw. He got it full of honey. Then he leaned forward, and his weight smashed the lid down on it, pinching it cruelly. He drew back howling, pulled his paw out and licked it. Then he tried again. For nearly an hour old Bunt worked at that chest, but as he always got up on the lid before he tried to open it, so he always pinched his toes and never got any honey.

SITUATION QUIET

Colonel Button Returns, but Has Little to Do.

Secretary Joseph Button, of the State Democratic Committee, returned here yesterday from his home in Appomattox, where he has been helping his friend, Commonwealth's Attorney S. L. Ferguson, who will have opposition for reelection. Colonel Button spent the night in the office at the Capital and then went to his room in the Chamber of Commerce who then looked over his political mail. He said the situation was absolutely quiet and that the campaign was now practically ended. He had no further speaking appointments to announce, and it is likely that there will be no more. Colonel Button will remain here until about Saturday, when he will return to Appomattox to vote. He expects both houses of the new General Assembly to be largely Democratic.

CHAUSSEURS RETURN

Made a Quiet Trip to Charlottesville and Back.

Messrs. H. E. Williams and D. W. Vaughan have returned from an automobile trip to Charlottesville. They left here at 7 o'clock Sunday morning and made the run of ninety-seven miles in seven hours and twenty minutes. The roads were in bad shape. On the return trip two hours and a half was lost through misdirection.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

—BY— Harry Tucker.

They come as gentle zephyrs wafted from rose bush to rose bush. As sweet dreams upon autumn nights, with the soft rustle of leaves as they drop from the turning trees. Like music from the mountain spring as the waters rush through the mossy banks toward the sea. Like sunbeams through the clouds upon a dismal day, and like a check in a letter from a loved one.

There is a clash of umbrellas, a rustle of skirts, a babel of pretty smiling faces, a line of snappy ankles, and we have the "Slipper" girls in all their vivacious brilliancy. Or words to that effect.

We wouldn't have missed them for anything, and we are certainly glad we know Manager Rex, and are on his visiting list.

DARK TOWN GAME "Play!" the referee shouts out. And loud the whistle blows. While down the field eleven men in blue and white uniforms are seen. The quarter-back now has the ball. He tucks the line for gains. But tackle heads him off. And he is down. A struggle, sharp and fierce ensues. The ball is lost or down. The full-back drops behind his line. But punts it out of bounds. The crowd within the grandstand yells— "Hah! hah! get it, them!" And as the crowd breaks through the line they can hear for the noise. Far down the field he sprints for goal. It is a pretty sight. But when the half-back downs him. The game ends in a fight.

We are now studying sleepless nights studying the rules of football, so we can go out to Broad-Street Park and look at the pretty girls.

We know what a scrimmage is and how much a safety, center, and everybody else can keep the score as well as anybody else.

A snap back is what a big fellow does when he takes the ball and another fellow counts 1-11-4-7-11, and then he puts up on top of everybody else, and the man at the bottom gets his ribs stove in and his eye put out.

To buck the line a player must grab the ball and plunge into the crowd in front of him like a soldier taking down a campsite somewhere. If he gets knocked down and jumped on, he can't say anything, according to the rules. Sometimes he can't say anything if he wants to.

The crowd will do all the talking. After it is all over, the crowd guesses at the score, and the street cars take them down town, and at night the heroes of the gridiron go to the theatre and break up the show.

We have had flat-irons thrown at us, we have been hit over the head with broomsticks, we have been slugged with frying pans, and we have had our hair pulled out.

Therefore, it is with the utmost composure that we go to the Masonic Bazaar, in Manchester.

We haven't the slightest fear of being injured.

Boys' Suits

At \$2.95

Not the usual suits at that price, but some extraordinary offerings for to-day.

There isn't a suit in the lot worth less than \$4.

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TRYING TO KEEP REV. G. H. WILEY

Petitions Will Be Presented to the Presiding Bishop.

If the efforts set afoot as the result of a movement begun here are successful, the Rev. George H. Wiley will continue at the head of the Methodist Institute, of this city.

Under the laws of the Methodist Church, the ministers have to move at the expiration of four years. Mr. Wiley has served the full term, and unless something is done he will be compelled to leave the work to which he has given the best efforts of his heart, hand and head. Local Methodists are considerably stirred up over the matter, and at the institute itself it is the one absorbing topic for discussion. While they are making no threats, many of the men there declare flatly that they will leave with Mr. Wiley if he has to do so.

One avenue of escape presents itself, and so far as is known, only one. Mr. Wiley may be given a nominal appointment to Trinity or some other church, and allowed to continue his present work. An effort is now being made to arrange it so that this can be done. The Institute Sunday-school met a few days ago and adopted ringing resolutions. Other resolutions are being drawn up, and will be signed by members of the denomination for some time. Those who are interested in the result. All of them, together with a bulky petition, will be presented to Bishop Hendrix, who will preside over the conference.

It is believed that the removal of Mr. Wiley would be disastrous to the best interests of the Institute. No other minister in the conference is so thoroughly identified with the work as he. His wonderful success during the past four years speaks eloquently for itself. To remove him at this time would be a serious blow to the mission and a source of great regret to the entire community.

EARTON HEIGHTS.

Mr. Edgar Graham left Saturday for New York, where he will be joined by his brother, Dave. He expects to engage in business there.

Mr. John Swartwood, who has been visiting his parents, has returned to Charlotte.

Mrs. C. H. Carr, of Louisa, who has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Coffey, has left for home.

Mrs. Crump, of Savannah, Ga., is the guest of relatives on Lombard Street.

Mrs. J. D. Harvey, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Blakeley, of New Jersey, is expected home this week.

Mrs. Rosa Ginter, who has been visiting Mrs. James, has left for Orange.

Mr. James Cook is the guest of Mr. Walter L. Christian.

Mrs. Norma Beverage is spending the winter in King and Queen county.

Mr. Price Charters, of the D. M. L., is visiting Mrs. William Henry Beveridge.

Miss Elizabeth Townsend, of Norfolk, is the guest of Mrs. N. B. Crutcher.

DAILY FASHION HINTS.

LADIES' SHIRT-WAIST COSTUME. With the coming of autumn days we see a decided change, not only in material, but design. With the heavy mercerized cotton shirt-waist stuffs, the pleated waists are the most popular. In fact, they are almost the only style that can be used for the heavy materials. In the many styles shown we find none more stylish, simple and charming in effect than the one shown here in double-breasted style and having two out-turned turning pleats on the shoulder. The back, like all this season's models, is plain, with a few gathers at the waist line. The sleeve is of bishop shaping, having a nice full lower portion. The front may be ornamented by buttons, brood or medallions, and if desired, be cut away in pointed effect. The skirt (No. 6,061) is a pretty model, having a circular upper portion tucked

HIGHLAND SPRINGS.

Mr. J. N. Atkinson, employed at the Southern Stove Works, in Richmond, escaped with a few bruised fingers and general shock from what might have been a most serious accident. A piece of lumber in the process of being sawed struck him across the stomach with such force as to entirely demolish a pocket-knife that was in his vest pocket at the time.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold a swaping party this evening in Highland Springs Hall.

Miss Bessie Hudkins, popular little lady of Richmond, visited at the Refuge, the home of her aunt, Sunday.

Miss Mary Banks, who is on a visit to New York, is expected home in a few days.

Railroad News.

Mr. J. L. Jacobs has tendered his resignation as chief clerk to General Agent L. S. Brown, of the Southern Railway, at Washington, to accept a position with the Tennessee Trust Company, of Memphis.

Mr. R. C. Niles, Jr., assistant city passenger agent of the company in Baltimore, has been selected to succeed Mr. Jacobs in the Washington office.

Comptroller Jameson, of the Norfolk and Western Railway, has issued the following statement of estimated gross earnings: For the third week of October, \$46,400, compared with \$43,200 for the same week last year. For the month to date, estimated gross earnings are \$1,291,102, compared with \$1,113,844 for the same period last year; an increase of \$177,258 from July 1, 1902, to latest date, \$7,003,741, compared with \$6,076,104, an increase for the 1903 period of \$928,637.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway, by General Freight Agent Charles R. Cappe, announces the appointment of Mr. C. T. Paxon as commercial agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, with headquarters at Jacksonville, the appointment of effective November 1st.

Andor A. H. Plant, of the Southern Railway, has issued the following comparative statement of earnings of that system for the third week in October: This year, \$48,773; last year, \$34,574; increase, \$14,199. For the month to date, this year, \$1,415,739; last year, \$1,291,102; increase, \$124,637.

The Norfolk and Western Railway will probably provide a special train to the Virginia-Carolina foot-ball game at Norfolk November 21st. If sufficient interest is manifested, as this is going to be one of the greatest games of the season, many foot-ball enthusiasts will probably go down to see the famous Indian players and the "Varsity." The teams are well matched, and the Redskins are stubborn players.

Label Cases G. Over.

In the Huntington Court yesterday the cases of Messrs. Cates and Mullen, editors of the "Opinion," charged with criminal libel, were again postponed, owing to the absence of one of their attorneys, Mr. L. O. Weidenburg. The cases were not set, but went over until the next term of the court.

Dr. Pitt Editor.

Dr. Robert H. Pitt, editor of the Religious Herald, left yesterday afternoon for Baltimore, where he will attend the meeting of the Maryland Baptist Union.

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